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be returned to Him by the Israelites who sponsored no extensive missionary efforts, much more than a tithe is needed in our time as we endeavor to be good stewards in sharing the gospel with others around the world. Hence, the dedicating of offerings voluntarily in addition to the basic tithe should seem to be one of several evidences of a maturing faith as well as a fervent desire to help in every way possible to extend the sharing of our faith in Christ with others.

In addition to churches' "observing Stewardship Sabbath" annually in November, individuals as financial stewards would do well to interpret the tithe as the first tenth rather than the last tenth to dedicate and to return to the Lord. Husbands and wives can be spiritually blessed by making a "joint return" of their tithes and offerings. Parents should teach tithing to their children both by exemplary practice and by precept. Children, from year one in receiving allowances or in earning their first dimes or dollars, should be taught to tithe.

As we teach tithing, let us not stress computing one's income and moving the decimal point one place to the left. Rather let us interpret it as one of several expressions of the privilege of being "laborers together with God," responding to the constraining love of the compassionate Christ who was ever sensitive to personal needs of persons as individuals and as masses of peoples around the world.

In Reuel Howe's book *Survival Plus* he speaks of community as being "orchestrated individuality" and asserts that "community is always in the process of being renewed and rediscovered." He

makes a further observation that "the human soul is restless when it has to live without community, because it cannot be satisfied with singleness while its very nature cries out for being in relation, being a part of a larger growing process."

Indeed, "orchestrated individuality" connotes recognition of interdependence as well as harmony. In the words of the apostle Paul, "God has harmonized the whole body by giving importance of function to the parts which lack apparent importance, that the body should work together as a whole with all the members in sympathetic relationship with one another."

"Being a part of a larger growing process" may well challenge us to realize as never before that in the realms of purpose and conviction, of service and witness, we need to be "laborers together with God." We are called to be many yet one — one in the Spirit, one in Christ's outreaching and reconciling love!

Man Goes to Prison for Good

Usually men are not sent to prison for good unless they have committed serious crimes, but Jim Yorgey of Montreal went to the maximum security prison for good—for the good of those who had been convicted. He was sent there by the Lord and by administrative authorities to take the assignment of Protestant chaplain. He went to prison after serving as head counselor at Montreal's Sermons from Science pavilion. Others may well seek to be sent to prison for good and receive the approval of our Lord, "I was in prison and ye came unto me."



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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS

Seventh Day Baptists around the world are making their plans to observe the first full week in January (January 6 - 12, 1974) as a Week of Prayer. A booklet with suggestions for daily devotions has been prepared on the theme, "Repent and Believe in the Gospel." The author is the Rev. Antonio Barrera, representative to the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation from Brazil Seventh Day Baptist Churches. It was written in Spanish, his native tongue, and has been translated into English.

If this Week of Prayer is to be truly meaningful it is necessary that plans be made in advance. The booklets have been sent to local churches. How will your church observe this Week of Prayer? There is no doubt but what we all need times of refreshing our spirits, of vital, united communion with our Father.

The author has written in an introductory paragraph, "Today in the midst of a corrupt and perverted generation, more than ever, we must understand that it is our special obligation to preach and practice repentance of the heart."

It is an inspiring thing to sense a bond of unity with other Seventh Day Baptists around the world as we join with them in prayer to God that He will cleanse and renew our lives, our churches, and our nations. Let this Week of Prayer be a time of spiritual renewal as never before.

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EDITORIAL

GLORY TO GOD

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law" (Galatians 4:4).

"Joseph went up from Galilee into Judea, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife. While they were there, she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger. There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. The angel of the Lord came upon them and said unto them: 'Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men'" (Luke 2:4-12).

At this time of the year most people are very busy buying and wrapping gifts, sending and receiving cards, and putting up decorations for the holidays. Very few, it seems, have time to consider the true meaning of Christmas.

Even among Christians it seems that few have time to read the Christmas story, or to pause and consider the significance of the season.

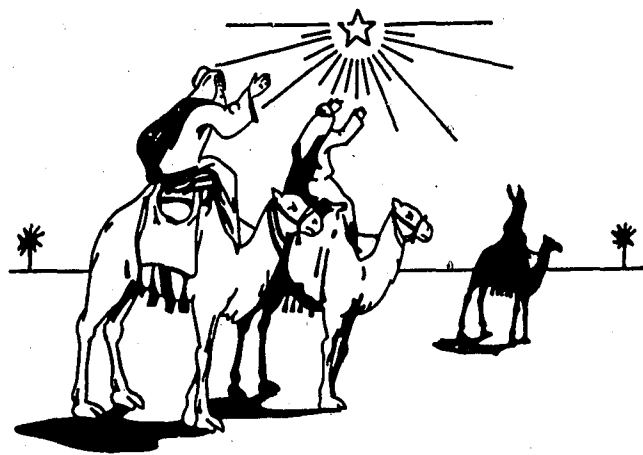
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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This is the real significance of the season. This is what we should consider and share with others during the days ahead.

At this time of the year when our thoughts are directed toward family and giving, let us not forget the gift that was given us — the gift of life. We can truly say, "Glory to God," because we have the knowledge of Jesus Christ as our personal and living Savior. What better gift can we give to others than this precious faith in Him — Glory to God!



ASTROLOGERS WORSHIP CHRIST

"Then Herod sent a private message to the astrologers, asking them to come to see him; at this meeting he found out from them the exact time when they first saw the star. Then he told them, 'Go to Bethlehem and search for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him too!'"

"After this interview the astrologers started out again. And look! The star appeared to them again, standing over Bethlehem. Their joy knew no bounds!"

"Entering the house where the baby and Mary His mother were, they threw themselves down before Him, worshiping. Then they opened their presents and gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh" (Matthew 2:7-11).

—From *The Living Bible*

THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS

Imagine the laughter and derision that would have met an angel of the Lord had he come to Caesar instead of to the shepherds, saying, "Leave all this alone; it does not matter; nothing matters tonight except the fact that a peasant woman has had a baby in a stable."

Yet the wonder of Christmas is the wonder of "Immanuel" which translated means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Centuries before the actual event the prophet Isaiah had proclaimed His coming: "The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

And some men were awaiting His coming, for God had been revealing Himself to mankind through the ages. Jesus came to embody what God had been all along, "God with us," personally concerned for the creatures He had placed upon this earth.

Mankind is desperately in need of Christmas. Human pride and prejudice and the more obvious actions which express our sinfulness — these cry out for God's intervention in our lives. Man's inhumanity to man, to say nothing of man's alienation from God, calls us to godly repentance.

The Christmas story, then, is prologue to the Good News of Easter. In both the message is the same: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

Christmas becomes meaningful in our lives only as we recognize what God has done for us. When in repentance and faith we commit our lives to Jesus Christ, God's Son, we discover God's gift of newness of life.

Nothing else matters.

—DeLane M. Ryals

THE SABBATH RECORDER

OUR WORLD MISSION NEEDS YOUR HELP

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Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door;
Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where giving was o'er.
Give as you would to the Master
If you met His loving look;
Give as you would of your substance
If His hand your offering took.

GIVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING
FOR OUR WORLD MISSION

YOUR NEXT RECORDER

This is the last issue of the weekly *Sabbath Recorder*, the next *Recorder* you will receive will be the January issue. At this point things are quite hectic at the Publishing House as we attempt to get copy together and begin the layout for printing on the new press. This is an entirely new procedure that no one here has been involved in before. We believe that with God's help (and a lot of hard work) we will meet our deadline.

The January issue of the *Recorder* is being sent to every family in the denomination as a way of introducing our new journal. Some of you will receive two copies—if you do won't you share one with a friend? There will be a postage paid card inside to encourage new subscribers. If every reader would encourage someone else to subscribe we would soon reach our goal of having the *Recorder* in every Seventh Day Baptist home.

After January 1, 1974, the subscrip-

tion rate will be \$6.00 per year. This increase is necessary because of rising postage and paper costs. The new rate *does not* affect those who have prepaid subscriptions. You will continue to receive the *Recorder*.

We would ask for your prayerful support during these busy days. We would pray for guidance and direction as we seek His leading in this major undertaking. We would pray that in some small way we may be used to further the work of Christ through the ministry of the printed page.

The changeover from a weekly to a monthly issue will not affect your prepaid subscription.

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CHECKUP TIME!

The closing weeks of 1973 are here. It is a time of good will and sharing with family and friends through gift exchanges. It is a time to especially remember again the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, God's Greatest Gift!

Many have been making their plan to include a special gift, in support of Our World Mission, to show their love for their Lord. While most do not know Him nor honor Him, it is the privilege of Christians to recall His love and in the flurry of gift giving, remember Him.

The closing weeks of the year should also be a time when we review our tithes and offerings given to be sure that we have not "short-changed" the responsibility we have in support of the work of the church. Though many may feel especially pressed by inflation and other demands, they have the opportunity to check up and be sure their responsibility to God has been met. Don't let business and neglect rob you of the joy of knowing your "house" is in order and you have prayerfully and carefully considered your giving in the light of the fullness of His grace.

WHITE GIFTS FOR MISSIONS

Many Sabbath School classes or church groups like to have a special offering at Christmas time, bringing "white gifts" for the work of the Lord.

While some plan to designate it for "missions" generally, or for some area like "Guyana, Jamaica, Malawi, Home Field," others like a specific item that they can support.

The following suggestions, within the Our World Mission designated budget for your Missionary Society are given for your prayerful consideration.

Guyana: Church building repair (matching funds) \$200 a year; missionary travel allowance \$42 a month; mission assistant \$89 a month.

Jamaica: Crandall High School scholarships, average \$75 a year. Sixteen of these are within the budget; Crandall

High School student aid, \$17 a month; missionary travel allowance \$34 a month.

Malawi: Support of national pastors \$20 to \$24 a month each; missionary travel allowance \$25 a month; basic support of Audrey Fuller, R.N., \$125 a month.

Home Field: Field Evangelist \$20 a day; Area Spiritual Retreats in 1974, \$2,000 or about \$5.50 a day.

An item under *New Fields* in the 1974 budget includes designated giving for national work in India and Burma. The goal set at the recent Missionary Board meeting is \$100 a month for each of these fields. Therefore your designated gift for one or the other could go to meet this need.

Only about 15 percent of your board's budget is under designated giving while 52 percent comes under undesignated OWM support. The balance is income from invested funds. In 1974 the undesignated OWM is \$173 a day. In breaking this down we could note that the OWM undesignated amount is \$7.21 an hour or the total 1974 budget amounts to \$13.71 an hour.

We would encourage not only classes and church groups but individuals to give over and above gifts before the end of the year in support of your missionary work. Only in this way will we be able to continue the ministry the Lord has called us to together, at the level we have covenanted to support through Our World Mission.

We would be glad to correspond with you on any of the above or other areas where support could be designated.

Above all else we need your faithful prayer support each day.

Prayer for Arab and Jew

"Christians should pray for Israel and the Arab countries and for the Palestinian Arabs who have no country of their own.

This is a time to love both Arabs and Jews and to beseech them in the name of Christ to be reconciled to God." —John D. Hughey, SBC Sec. for Europe and the Middle East

A PRIME OBJECTIVE

The newest missionary pastor is the Rev. H. Earl DeLand of the White Cloud, Mich., SDB Church. He began his ministry there in the fall of 1972 but had to substitute teach and find other sources of income to help meet family needs above what the church could pay. In August 1973 he began a full-time ministry.

His first report as a missionary pastor speaks of this new arrangement: "It helps by giving me an income without seeking outside employment, which I had established from last year as substitute teacher in the school system. I feel that a greater effort is being put forth from this security because I could never plan a day's work until after school hours started and then have it interrupted when a teacher went home sick. Now all efforts are spent toward the work of the church which I find enjoyable."

In the first two months, even though August was Conference, he reports ninety-four calls, including fourteen evangelistic calls, eight decisions for Christ and three rededications of members. One received baptism and joined the church.

The pastoral relation with persons in need is shared and the Lord is answering prayer and blessing. Pastor DeLand concludes, "This makes our life so much more meaningful to us in His work."

White Cloud, Mich., is only one of eight churches presently being helped under the missionary pastor plan of your board. The ninth, Berea, W. Va., is losing Pastor Charles Swing in November, as he has been forced to resign due to personal and family health problems. Your regular support of Our World Mission makes possible this vital home field ministry!

NEWS FLASH

As we go to press we have learned that the work permit for Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Fuller, missionaries to Malawi, has been approved. They leave by air on December 1. We praise God for answered prayers!

PASTOR — KEY LAYMAN RETREAT

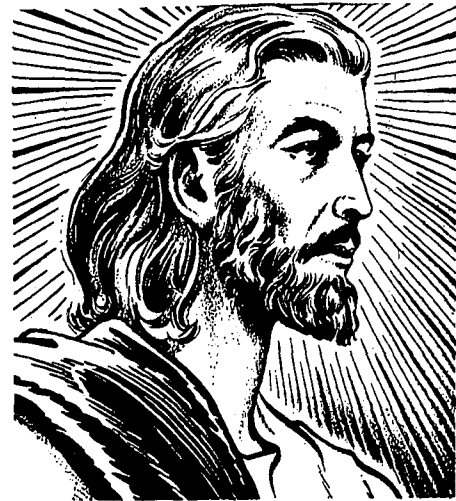
The first annual Pastor-Key Layman Retreat, sponsored by the Pacific Coast association, convened at a very beautiful conference center known as Lutherland, just south of Seattle. The dates were October 16-19, 1973. The host pastor, Rev. Duane Davis, and his congregation were responsible for all local arrangements. There were twenty-two registered guests who occupied the two comfortable lodges. They were from the Los Angeles, Riverside, Concord and Seattle fellowships and churches. The day sessions of the retreat had some visitors from the local area. The evening sessions more than doubled as people from Seattle attended. Mr. Starlin Ross, of Riverside was the retreat chef, preparing delicious meals. He also assisted with the preparing of meals during the Pacific Coast Association meetings.

The theme of the retreat, "The Holy Spirit and the Christian Worker," was based on John chapters 13-17. The speakers were the Rev. Leon Lawton and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Liner, a gifted spirit-filled couple from Three Hills, Alberta, Canada. They devote themselves to an interdenominational ministry which is very effective in deepening the spiritual lives of Christians.

The emphasis on the Holy Spirit was divided between two ideas, The INFLOW: "Be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18) and the OUTFLOW: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). Rev. and Mrs. Liner brought very practical and helpful messages on the Spirit's infilling during the *Inflow hours*; while Rev. Lawton had inspiring presentations on the Holy Spirit's ministry through us to others in the *Outflow hours*.

There was openness, brokenness, confessing of sin and sharing of vital testimony in the retreat. It was a time of rich blessing which prepared hearts for the blessing of the Pacific Coast Association meeting held in the same place over the weekend of October 19-21, 1973. The Association meeting was a historical first — the first Pacific Coast Association meeting to be held outside the state of California.

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Areas for Non-Smokers

Not long ago the proprietors of a popular restaurant in a Western city decided to take the plunge and set aside the smallest of their three dining rooms for non-smokers two nights a week. The idea caught on to such an extent that they soon had to make their largest dining room the non-smoking area. The proprietors now think they may increase the number of evenings when a room is held aside for non-smokers. One other restaurateur has followed suit, and there are indications that others may also.

This is an interesting manifestation of a phenomenon observed in various parts of the country. Growing public sentiment supports the view that persons who do

not smoke have a right not to be bothered by tobacco smoke in public places. There has been some legislation to this effect here and there.

Legislation is not the only approach, however. Operators of restaurants, stores and other places open to the public clientele have the option of restricting areas where people may smoke. It is an option they might do well to exercise as good business, if for no other reason, since non-smokers are in the majority. Who knows, the day may come when restaurants will customarily have, not areas where non-smokers may dine, but smoking areas a la the old smoking cars on trains.

—*Westerly Sun*

Get Out of the Grandstand, Friend!

Rev. Francis D. Saunders



A few days ago I was visiting with "Charlie," sexton in our church, and he was telling me of a couple of his friends, able-bodied men, who didn't seem to have the energy or the will to do much of anything for themselves. His wife would take corn, tomatoes, and other produce which he grew in his garden, and share with these men. His comment was that they were perfectly capable of growing their own garden if they would, but they seemed to prefer to sit and watch baseball, football, or whatever on TV. "They go all out for 'spectator sports,'" he said. "As for me, I like to get in to the game. I like baseball, but I much prefer to get out and play, and when I go fishing, I don't want to sit on the bank and watch, I want to do my own fishing."

This talk with Charlie started me thinking, and I began to ponder how many church members treat the programs of the church as "spectator sports," never really getting into the action and helping in the work of Christ's Kingdom; hence the thoughts for today's message. We will mention four specific activities of the church which many treat as "spectator sports," sitting in the grandstands, as it were, and watching the action from a safe and comfortable distance. James warns us against this kind of indifferent attitude, saying, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Consider these activities of the church's ministry in which we are prone to act as spectators:

1. *The worship of God.* Worship is fellowship with God. Perhaps one of the most descriptive thoughts about worship is from the pen of John, who wrote, "Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John

1:3). When we truly experience the warmth and blessedness of that fellowship we can exclaim with the Psalmist, "O Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is Thy name in the whole earth" (Psalm 8:1, 2). For this reason we gather together as God's people on God's day in God's house, that we might enjoy His Presence and fellowship in His love. Yet so many times we come together without experiencing the fulness of His love, nor the sanctity of His day, nor the sacredness of His "house of prayer." If your worship in the house of the Lord is not, as Christ says, "in Spirit and in truth," then I urge you: "Get out of the grandstand, friend! Get into the action! Petition is a part of the worship of God, and Jesus says, "Ask and it shall be given, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you." James illustrates the lack of power in prayer with these words: "You ask and do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:3). If your prayer lacks this power of the Presence of God, then I say: "Get out of the grandstand, friend! Get into the action!" The study of the Bible, God's Word, is also a facet of true worship of the Almighty. Paul, writing to young Timothy said, "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, correctly handling the word of truth." But this kind of study which Paul urges is not just a weekly hearing in a formal worship service scheduled by the church, or a momentary family or personal devotion, but a diligent, personal, revealing pondering of His word. If your hearing of the Word is limited to the formal weekly worship of the church, or an early morning, late evening

or mealtime devotion, then I would strongly suggest: "Get out of the grandstand, friend! Get into the action!"

2. *Evangelism* is another of the areas of church activity in which we are prone to become spectators. There is a clear-cut responsibility resting on the Christian as he listens to the words of Christ commissioning His followers: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19-20). The great commission is the corporate responsibility of the Church of Christ, but it is also intimately personal! "Ye shall be witnesses," was the last word of instruction of the Savior to the praying disciples. From time to time the church gives opportunity with special evangelistic outreach programs for the membership to be involved in the corporate effort to win the world, and far too many are nothing more than spectators in the effort. However, aside from the united effort of the church body, there is great responsibility in individual witness and outreach. If you are not personally involved in the effort of the church to fulfil its responsibility, and individually activated in face to face witnessing, then I charge you: "Get out of the grandstand, friend! Get into the action!"

3. *Obedience to the revealed will of God* is another area of church activity wherein we are prone to be spectators. The New International Version of James 1:22 reads: "Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves; do what it says!" The Psalmist speaks highly of God's revealed word:

"The law of the Lord is perfect;
it gives new life.
The commands of the Lord are trustworthy,
giving wisdom to those who lack it.
The rules of the Lord are right,
and those who obey them are happy.
His commandments are completely just,
and give understanding to the mind."

—Psalm 19: 7, 8

Again we listen to the words of our Savior, "Not everyone who says, 'Lord,

Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of my Father" (Matt. 7:21). If you fall into the category of the "faithless hearers" who give lip service only to the precepts of the moral law, including the Sabbath, whose loyalty is to the "Church" rather than to the Lord of the Church, then I implore you: "Get out of the grandstand, friend! Get into the action!"

4. *Loving service* in the world in which we live is another area wherein we need to be careful that we are mere spectators. Here we have the matchless example and urgent plea of the Lord: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you, continue ye in my love." "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto me." Look at Jesus, the pattern and example of our lives. See how He served! Note how He loved! "Get out of the grandstand, friends! Get into the action!"

Magic Flying Blankets

The mythological magic carpet was nothing compared with the comfort and security of "Operation Warmth" which Church World Service put in motion to provide 40,000 flying blankets to people who might think of it as a miraculous supply. These were extra blankets for Christmas in addition to the 200,000 made available by CWS in 1972. Blankets went to twenty-three countries including certain areas of the United States. Many of them were airlifted to the country of need. The year-end supply included blankets for the Uganda Asians in refugee camps in Kenya and Great Britain.

In addition, Operation Warmth involved the shipment of 10,000 blankets to Vietnam Christian Service; 8,000 to Gaza and the West Bank in Israel; 2,500 to Jordan; 5,000 to the Philippines; 1,000 to Taiwan, and 10,000 to Brazil.

Most of the funds for this unprecedented supply of blankets as well as many of the flying blankets were contributed by American Christians.

For God so loved the world that He did not send a committee.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONSIDER WORLD YOUTH

National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship officers met with the Youth Program Committee of the Board of Christian Education at Salemville, Pa., Sunday, Nov. 18, 1973. Larry Graffius, YF prexy, chaired the rap session, while YF secretary "Dusty" Goodson reduced the afternoon's palaver to pen on pulp, and treasurer Chris Rogers kept a wary eye on developing plans. "Pastor Ed" Sutton, chairman of the Board's Committee on youth, tossed in ideas for the agenda which took its final shape from almost all attending. National YF advisor Paul Green, contributed ideas from his broad experience as pastor, former Board Youth Committee chairman, Pre-Con staffer, etc.

Board president Mary Clare and Youth Committee member Sandy Snyder helped Ed. Sutton and executive secretary Dave Clarke represent board concerns. Sharon and Laurie Higgins of Alfred Station, Paul Davis of Salem College, and Mrs. Grace King of Salemville were welcome participants, as were also the Charles Graffiuses. The group had thoroughly enjoyed a delicious, bountiful dinner served by Mrs. Graffius before meeting in the pleasant Graffius living room.

Beacon editing, printing, and distribution were major topics. The Salem College YF will edit the next three quarterly issues at least. The new plan for group-mailings to local YF's (plus private subscribers) puts on local YF's the responsibility for group gifts to the *Beacon* to substitute for subscriptions. Also, YF's must assume care for local distribution, including outreach beyond members.

Distribution of new YF Constitution through the *Beacon* in January 1974, plans of national officers and next August's Pre-Con and Conference activities were discussed.

The group got quite excited over the possibilities of the eighth Baptist Youth

World Conference, July 31 - Aug. 4, 1974, at Portland, Oregon. John Carroll, program director, asks SDB's to provide four adult and ten youth leaders for the small-groups, spreading leadership. It was agreed the board's committee should secure such leadership if at all possible. Suggestions are welcomed by Ed. Sutton, Dave Clarke, or Larry Graffius.

Renewal in Faith

Pastors or clerks of our USA Conference have been sent one set of sample copies of the second year of "Renewal in Faith" lessons which deal primarily with Evangelism on the three age levels — Primary, Junior, and Adult.

These samples were sent only to the pastor or clerk and therefore should be sought from these persons if there are interested individuals in the church desiring to use them or to become familiar with them.

The "Every Church Visits" to be made by various denominational leaders will be made by persons armed with sample copies of the second year of Renewal in Faith lessons.

Interesting use of these five lessons have been an aid in camps, Sabbath Schools, Vacation Church Schools and in small group discussions. You are encouraged to see your pastor or clerk (if you do not have a pastor) and look at the copies of the Evangelism Series. You may also want to look into last year's series on "SDB History."

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Steal This Book

A yellow and black paperback quickly catches the eye of guests who stay at one of the Days Inns, a new "budget luxury" motel chain which is growing rapidly in the southeastern USA.

The paperback is placed on the air-conditioning unit under the window of each room and is at once obvious to the occupier.

An inscription on the cover reads, "Take with You for Spiritual Uplift," and from thirty to forty percent of those who stay at the inns do just that. The paperback is the Today's English Version New Testament, "Good News for Modern Man," with a cover especially designed to match the Days Inns' own yellow and black logo.

The man behind this Scripture distribution is a thirty-seven-year-old Georgian, Mr. Cecil B. Day, who expected to use 100,000 New Testaments by the end of 1972 and 500,000 in 1973.

"Sometimes I feel the only reason we're in the motel business is to put out 'Good News for Modern Man,'" he declares.

Mr. Day and his partners have elected to make Days Inns of America into "a tithing company." "We plan to give 10 percent of our funds to the Lord. Our number-one cause is our Bible ministry." Today the company has thirty-one units operating and twelve under construction.

Cecil Day was at one of the first Days Inn openings when a member of Gideons International complained to him that many people take away with them the Bibles his organization places in hotel and motel rooms. "I thought to myself, 'Who needs a Bible more than a person who steals one?'" Mr. Day says, "I prayed about the matter and turned it over in my subconscious. Then I thought 'Why not put a copy of *Good News for Modern Man* in each room and mark it, 'Steal This Book.'" My staff didn't like that suggestion, so instead we phrased it, 'Take with You for Spiritual Uplift.' At first we had the invitation printed on a sticker which we attached to the paperbacks. But with the quantity we began using we found it more practical to have a specially prepared cover."

A FAITHFUL MINISTER, HAROLD CRANDALL

Albert N. Rogers

The Rev. Harold R. Crandall, a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, is called to rest. He was both a loved pastor and a wise and gracious administrator of denominational interests. For many of us he was a true friend.

Harold Crandall felt a call to the ministry in his thirties after twelve years of teaching in public schools during which he served as a deacon of the Rockville, R. I., church. His first pastorate was at De Ruyter, N. Y., where he was ordained in 1920 and studied under Dean A. E. Main of the Alfred University Theological Department.

From 1923 to 1930 he was pastor of the New York City church and continued study at Union Theological Seminary. During this time he was active in the American Sabbath Tract Society and a denominational representative at meetings of the Federal Council of Churches. He also served as treasurer of the Denominational Budget (OWM) from 1925 for a period of thirteen years. He and Mrs. Crandall were among the first counselors at Lewis Camp.

Pastor Crandall served the Pawcatuck Church of Westerly, R. I., for nineteen years until his retirement in 1949. From 1938 to 1959 he was president of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. During this time he guided the work of the society with mature judgment and deep interest, serving for a time as executive officer of the board. Later he recorded the work in Shanghai, China, for Volume III, *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*; and was made an honorary member of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.

A man of conciliatory spirit, he preached on Sundays for a Baptist congregation near Westerly for twenty years, in addition to his prior commitment. His dignity and ready smile are remembered with his good counsel.

Black and White or Color?

Mrs. Garth Warner

Are you a TV viewer? Who isn't to some degree today? Of course, some watch it more than others, but nearly everyone spends some time out of each day relaxing before the miracle of sight and sound.

How do you like it best, in black and white or in color?

Recently our family purchased a color set and during the first hour of enjoyment the comparison of the nominal Christian life (black and white) and the Spirit-filled Christian life (color) came into focus for me.

In the first place, to even have a television set is a wonderful thing as it is to have received Christ into one's heart and life. The sound and picture waves are out there in the air all the time now, and the miracle of plugging in and receiving the results via a "set" is commonplace. Just so in America to have received Christ, been baptized and joined a church is really a tremendous step, but so little appreciated by so many.

And then comes color! What a difference. New enjoyment, new awareness of detail, new appreciation of everything—even the commercials!

And so it is with accepting the second "blessing" that God has for each one of His children. Not to be aware of the availability is sad, but to be aware and not take the advantage is tragic. For in the Scriptures it is plain that Jesus wanted His disciples to have the blessing (Act 1:4-5), that Paul needed it (Acts 9:17), and that it is the empowering force for every Christian to witness and win for Jesus (Acts 1:8).

I became aware of the baptism of the Holy Spirit about three years ago. I had received Christ about eighteen years before that and had a very real conversion experience. My desire was to serve Christ in every way, to win others and to grow. But my life was like "black and white"—turned on, alive at least, but lacking power and color. Then came the awareness that there was something more.

When I was willing to surrender to Christ as my *Lord* and be or do whatever He asked of me, I was baptized by Jesus in the Holy Spirit. Real color! what a difference. How?

The Scriptures came alive to me. For years I had read and studied as the dutiful thing to do. But now the words were exciting and so very personal to me. It has really become the Living Bible in my life.

The Lord gave a new boldness in seeking His will and carrying it out. Risks. A deeper love for others, awareness of their needs came upon me. Also a new power in prayer. The baptism brought to me a much keener awareness of Satan and his attacks. Before, he didn't bother me that much because I believe that he wasn't threatened. Now while the battle is a real one, I know that as I stand in Jesus' name that I can win plus being strengthened in my inner person.

There has been an increasing desire and reason to praise God. And a new dimension in worshipping, both privately and in an assembly. And joy! When the Bible speaks of David's dancing before the ark for the joy in his heart, I can understand. Of the 120 in the upper room being accused of being drunk because they were so happy, I can now fathom a little of their feelings. Of Paul's being able to say to the Philippians "rejoice, rejoice, rejoice — in all circumstances" makes good sense to me now.

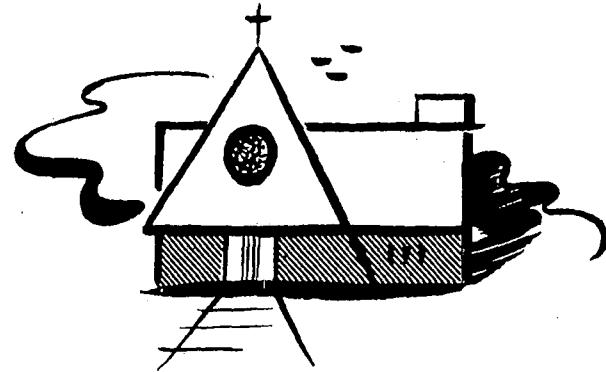
All of this is not to infer that now I feel I have it made or have arrived. Because as long as we inhabit the flesh we are sinners transformed by grace. And I realize that more now than ever, but I also am trusting Christ more than ever to accomplish this in me rather than do it on my own.

Yes, the same desires are there that I mentioned in the beginning — to serve Christ, to grow, to win others, but it's like "in color" now. Praise God!

The second blessing, baptism of the Holy Spirit, or whatever name you want to give the gift of God is available to all and it is real.

This personal testimony was contributed by Mrs. Garth (Mayola) Warner of Oneida, N. Y.

**NEWS
FROM
THE
CHURCHES**



DE RUYTER, N. Y.— Our church was overjoyed on September 8, when four of our young people professed their faith and were baptized on the shores of De Ruyter Lake. The air was chilly, but our hearts warm as Michael, Robert, and James Lynch, and Julie Meldrim were born again.

The following Sabbath, September 15, the Lynch brothers requested membership and were joyously received as the congregation offered them the hand of fellowship.

On September 16, a fellowship dinner was held in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Alan Crouch, Nat and Ricky, who felt called to continue their work in Florida. We thank God for the two years they shared with us.

In October we held our annual church meeting, following an outstanding fellowship dinner planned by Arline Meldrim.

It was our pleasure to host the Light Bearers on Tuesday, October 30. There were eighty-six in attendance to share in the witnessing of these youth and their leader. May the Lord bless them in His work.
—Correspondent

HEBRON, PA.— This little church is coming increasingly alive spiritually. Prayer and Bible study deserve much of the credit, with Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn a great help and inspiration.

The Allegheny Association met here October 12 - 13. Association youth, who held a micro-mini retreat throughout the Association, had charge of the Sabbath Eve service. Pastor Van Horn conducted the Sabbath morning service, when the church was filled.

In the afternoon, the youth presented the film "Like a Thief in the Night," followed by discussion.

Sabbath morning, November 10, The

Light Bearers, marvelous musicians and radiant Christians, conducted the worship service.

Following their spot on the local radio station the church ladies served a fellowship dinner at the hall.

At the evening meeting, there was a church full of people and full of the Holy Spirit, as Pastor Van Horn had predicted.

On Sabbath Day, November 17, a group of witnessing young people, led by Chris Stoltzfus, conducted the morning service. "These are persons who have been through the drug-alcohol mill and have found Jesus Christ to be the answer to their problems and the WAY BACK to new life in Him."

Pastor Van Horn, assisted by Kathryn Thompson, has begun a Good News Club and a children's Singspiration at the Joe Sheehy home Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. This is attended by a good group of neighborhood children. Several are attending church quite regularly.

At the regular quarterly business meeting October 14, it was voted to give Pastor Van Horn \$25 per month toward traveling expenses, retroactive to July 1.

WSSS has been giving reviews of the books recommended by the Women's Society. Key '73 Christmas booklets were ordered and \$50 was voted for "World Ambassadors." One WSSS project was making a new "Ladies' Aid Cook Book," including with all the old loved recipes several new ones by the present group.

After the Association film, "Like a Thief in the Night," one of our Wednesday Bible studies was on the Rapture (a word from the Latin *rapio* "to seize" or "to snatch," and the Greek translation "caught up").

"For the Lord himself shall descend

from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

—Leta Burdick, Correspondent

Obituaries

BROWN.— Helen Elizabeth was born Feb. 25, 1891, in Leonardsville, N. Y., and died in the Harding Home, Waterville, N. Y., on Nov. 3, 1973. She was the daughter of George T. and Emily Douse Brown.

Helen was a graduate of Oneonto Normal School and taught in Clayville and Sauquoit, N. Y., as well as thirty years in Utica, N. Y. She retired in 1950.

She was a faithful member of the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church, serving as treasurer and in many other ways. She belonged to the Women's Benevolent Society, serving as president for the past several years. She was also treasurer of the Winfield Area Council of Church Women United.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna (Mrs. Louis) Livermore, and Harriet (Mrs. Edgar D.) Van Horn.

Surviving are her sister, Myra Brown; two nephews, Donald Van Horn of Almond, N. Y., and Eugene Van Horn of Alfred, N. Y.; and two nieces, Mrs. Margaret (Livermore) Kenyon of Alfred, N. Y., and Mrs. Elizabeth (Van Horn) Hallwich of Leonardsville.

The funeral service was held on Nov. 6, 1973, with her pastor, Rev. Neal D. Mills, officiating. Burial was in the Leonardsville Cemetery.
—M. M.

CRANDALL.— Harold R. Crandall, son of Charles H. and Hattie M. (Edwards) Crandall was born December 14, 1883, in Rockville, R. I.

The Rev. Crandall served as pastor of the Pawcatuck S.D.B. Church from July 1, 1930 till his retirement in 1949. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. Bradley (Elizabeth) Markolf of Rockville; a brother, Carl F. Crandall of Ashaway; a grandson, William Crandall Markolf of Rockville; and a niece, Mrs. Ernest Irving of Ashaway.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pawcatuck S.D.B. Church on November 6, with the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, pastor of the Ashaway S.D.B. Church officiating. Interment was in the Rockville Cemetery. (See extended obituary page 12).

—F. D. S.

FURROW.— Ernest F., son of Earl and Mabel Randolph Furrow, was born in Redlands, California, July 16, 1901, and passed away at his home in Farina on Nov. 11, 1973.

Ernest joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Farina, April 10, 1915, and was a faithful member as long as his health permitted. He was the church clerk for a number of years, and most interested in the welfare of the church. He was retired from a Navy career, after having served in World War II and the Korean conflict. He married Marguerite Ann Leonard on June 15, 1926.

Surviving are his wife; his mother, Mrs. Mabel Allen of Vandalia; a son, Ernest Earl of Joliet, Illinois; two daughters, Mrs. C. W. (Marie) Engel of Hanover, Virginia, and Mrs. Henry (Betty) Spencer of Farina; a sister, Mrs. Olive Harpster of San Diego, California; a half-brother, Paul Allen of Farina; ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Stonecipher Funeral Home on Nov. 14, 1973 with his pastor, the Rev. Carlos McSparin officiating. Burial was in the Farina Cemetery.
—K. F. C.

VINCENT.— Emma E. Crandall, daughter of Daniel Pierce and Arabelle Satterlee Crandall, was born December 19, 1890, at Farina, Illinois, and passed away at the Gibson City Community Hospital, Gibson City, Illinois, after a lingering illness.

She attended the Farina Public School and, until 1938, lived in and around Farina. She became a member of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church, September 19, 1908.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, Edward Vincent, of Roberts, Illinois; a daughter, Harriet Barham, of Gilman, Illinois; two sons, Lavern, of Thomasboro, Illinois, and Robert, of Baker, Louisiana; and a brother, Kenneth, of Farina.

Services were held in Farina at the Stonecipher Funeral Home on November 9, 1973, with the Rev. Otto Bauman officiating. Burial was in the Farina Cemetery.
—K. F. C.

WHITFORD.— Kenneth Clark Whitford, son of Allen and Etta Whitford, was born at Westerly, R. I., on August 1, 1907, and died October 24, 1973, at Westerly.

Funeral services were held at the Schilke Funeral Home in Westerly on October 27, 1973, with Rev. Francis D. Saunders, pastor of the Pawcatuck church officiating. Interment was at River Bend Cemetery in Westerly.
—F. D. S.

Christmas Book

Several have requested information regarding the book mentioned in the program packet of the Women's Society. The book is: *A Recipe for a Merry Christmas*, by Handel H. Brown, Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., 1960.

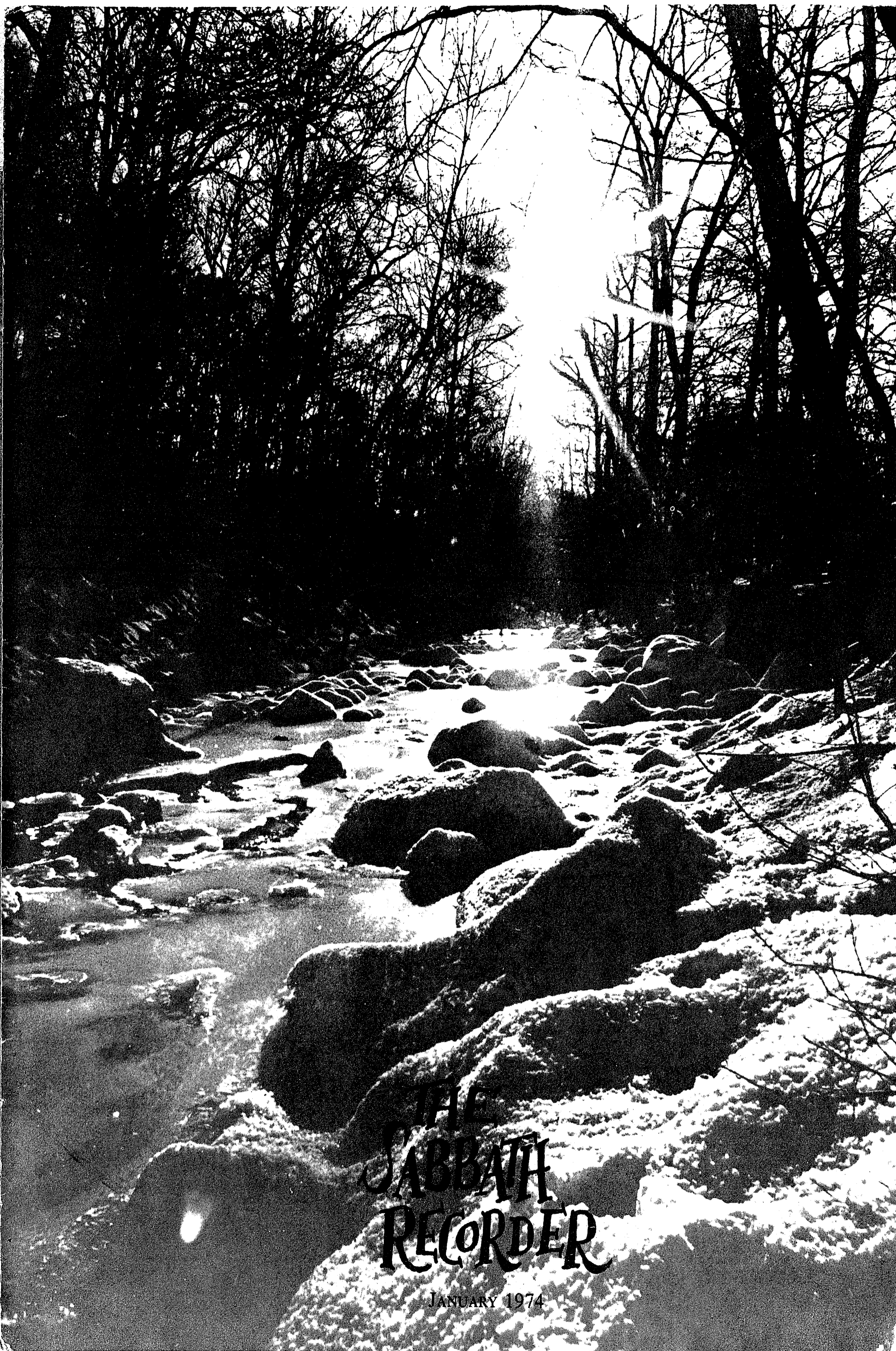
—Mrs. Ron Goodrich

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The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.



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